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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) There are 63 fish-curing yards on the West Coast.

" (b) These fish-curing yards provide facilities for the fishermen to cure their catches of fish under sanitary conditions under the supervision of the yard staff. Salt of good quality required to cure fish is issued to the curers at subsidised rates at these yards. The yard staff supervise the extraction of shark liver oil, despatch livers to the Government Oil Factory, Kozhikode, collect statistics relating to fish landed, fish cured, etc., and also do welfare work among fishermen.

" (c) The total quantity of salt sold is 214,502 maunds.

" (d) The total cost of maintenance of these yards is Rs. 2,47,700."

Uplift of Fishermen community.

* 1073 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what steps have been taken by this Government for the uplift of fishermen and to provide them with employment?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" A statement [a] is placed on the table."

Number of slums in the City aliented to the Director of Harijan Welfare.

* 1074 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many slums (hutting grounds) in the City belonging to the Government were alienated to the Director of Harijan Welfare, for improvement and for assignment as house sites to the respective occupiers ;

(b) how many slums belonging to the Government are under consideration for similar disposal; and

(c) whether slums on the lands alienated to the Corporation of Madras also will be transferred to the Director of Harijan Welfare for the same purpose of assignment to the respective occupiers?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The information is not readily available, Sir."

Amount spent on adult education in Tanjore district during 1952–53.

* 1075 Q.—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the amount spent on adult education in Tanjore district during 1952–53 ; and

(b) the number of adult education centres maintained?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Rs. 18,910–9–0.

" (b) The Government are not maintaining any adult education centres in the State. The number of aided adult education centres in the Tanjore district during 1952–53 was 135."

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 463-464 infra.